SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" Sir, from my own experience in my constituency I find that several of these wells are inconveniently situated and hence abandoned. Several of them are in need of repairs and the common opinion prevailing in the villages is that large sums of money are being wasted on several of these wells. As such, will the Government consider the desirability of investigating into the conditions of these wells and taking the responsibility for the same? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member writes to the Government giving particulars about the complaints he has now made and cites specific instances, the matter will be duly enquired into and suitable action would be taken."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister assure us that at least one well would be dug in each Harijan village and in other backward community villages in Cuddapah district in view of the frequent droughts and the poverty of the backward communities living therein and the consequent suffering of the Harijans and other people in those villages? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already given the information that as many as 820 wells had been dug at a total cost of 20 lakhs of rupees and odd in Cuddapah district under the Comprehensive Programme beginning from 1948–49 up to 31st December 1952."

Management of Harijan hostels in Bapatla.

* 467 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. the Minister for Education visited Bapatla in the month of February 1953;

(*b*) the purpose of the visit;

(*c*) whether he received any reports relating to the management of Harijan hostels;

(*d*) whether he visited any hostels; and

(*e*) if the answers to (*c*) and (*d*) are in the affirmative, the steps he has taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) It was a routine tour and for comprehensive purposes.

" (*c*) No reports as such, but he got a certain amount of information from official sources.

" (*d*) Yes

" (*e*) The Director of Harijan Welfare has been instructed to take necessary action in respect of matters noticed in the tour."

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Sri K. VENKAIAH :—" May I know the information that the Hon. Minister for Education had gathered during his visit and the directions given by Government afterwards to the Director of Harijan Welfare? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the hon. Member were to put a separate question apart from the necessity for travelling then the Hon. Minister concerned would reply."

Sri V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that these hostels are becoming a source of profit to the managers who in certain cases happen to be pet-boys of the Ministers? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Every good thing has its consequential bad results also."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what were the things that were noticed during the Hon. Minister for Education's tour? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, in clause (*e*) of this question it is asked that if answer to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) are in the affirmative, what steps the Education Minister had taken after his visit. Of course this question had been asked quite a long time ago and the Government have also on their part taken a long time to answer that question. The question could have been asked sometime earlier. But that apart, we want to know what exactly the Hon. Minister saw during his visit and what steps he took after his visit in case the answers to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) of this question are in the affirmative? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" As Mr. Nagi Reddi has rightly observed the question was put a long time ago and the answer too had been prepared a long time ago. As parts (*a*) and (*b*) of the question dealt with the purpose of travelling of my colleague, I answered it. But if any information is wanted about departmental details a separate question may be put and up to date information will be given by the Minister concerned."

The Rayalaseema Development Board.

* 468 *Q.*—Sri N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of members—both official and non-official—constituting the Rayalaseema Development Board;